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SUBJ: PROTECTION AND WELFARE IN TURKISH OCCUPIED AREA

REF: ANKARA 9417 (NOTAL)

1. AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION (ATA) OFFICIAL DECEMBER 5
TOLD EMBOFF THAT I.D. CARDS HAVE BEEN
PRINTED FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED AFTER MAKARIOS' RETURN. ATA OFFICIAL PREDICTED
I.D. CARDS WILL SOLVE MOST OF OUR
PROTECTION AND WELFARE ACCESS PROBLEMS.
ASSUMING MAKARIOS' RETURN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PRECIPITATE
GREEK-TURKISH FIGHTING, DIPLOMATS WILL
BE PERMITTED TRAVEL FREELY WITHIN TURKISH ZONE.

2. OFFICIAL STATED POLICY DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED TO
ALLOW CYPRUS BORN
AMERICAN CITIZENS RETRIEVE "SOME" PERSONAL POSSESSIONS FROM
HOMES BUT NOT REPEAT NOT REMOVE FURNITURE,
AUTOMOBILES, ETC. HOWEVER,
OFFICIAL CLAIMS OWNERSHIP NOT REPEAT NOT IN QUESTION AND
ASSURED EMBOFF THAT AMERICAN
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CITIZENS WOULD BE GRANTED ACCESS TO ALL THEIR

PROPERTY "ONCE MILITARY CONFRONTATION OVER."

3. OFFICIAL SAID DECISION EXCLUDE CYPRUS BORN AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM THEIR HOMES AT THIS TIME BASED SOLEY ON MILITARY SECURITY. FOLLOWING POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, CYPRUS BORN AMERICAN CITIZENS WILL BE FREE EITHER TO RESIDE IN TURKISH AREA OR TO SELL PROPERTY AT FAIR PRICE. OFFICIAL STATED NO AMERICAN PROPERTY WOULD BE CONFISCATED, THOUGH SOME MIGHT BE USED BY MILITARY FOR SHORT PERIOD.

4. RE TEZEL'S SUGGESTION THAT USG CONSIDER APPOINTING SENIOR "CONSUL GENERAL" TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS (REFTEL), WE DO NOT THINK IT IS WISE TO ALLOW ANKARA TO DICTATE THE LEVEL OF OUR REPRESENTATION WITHIN TURKISH ZONE OF CYPRUS. ONE "JUNIOR OFFICER" REFERRED TO BY TEZEL IS FSO-4 WITH TITLE OF CONSUL/ FIRST SECRETARY. ALL MISSION OFFICERS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR, DCM, AND DATT, HAVE ATTEMPTED CARRY OUT CONSULAR DUTIES SINCE AUGUST WITH CONSISTENT LACK OF SUCCESS. POLICY DECISIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE MAY IMPROVE SITUATION BUT THIS IS LIKELY TO BE CONTINGENT UPON OUR ACCEPTANCE ATA I.D. CARDS, NOT TO MENTION UPON TURK MILITARY'S POWER TO RESTRICT TRAVEL ON USUAL GROUNDS OF "SECURITY" REGARDLESS OF WHAT DOCUMENTS WE MAY CARRY.

5. WE HAVE, HOPEFULLY, FIRM AGREEMENT IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO CONSULT THE MOMENT ATA SEEKS IMPOSE IDENTITY CARDS, WITH ITS SEAL, AS ITS CONDITION FOR TRAVEL IN TURKISH ZONE. TENTATIVE VIEW OF OTHER EMBASSIES WITH WHOM THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IS THAT WE SHOULD COUNTER BY REQUESTING ATA, IF IDENTIFICATION NEEDED, TO ACCEPT PASSPORTS. WE WOULD INTEND BE IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH DEPARTMENT TO SEEK GUIDANCE WHEN ATA MOVES.
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